

RIDGWAY ANGRY NOW

He Declares Bucket Shops Legal and Will Act as Counsel.

Recorder Smyth Differs with the Brooklyn Lawyer.

The District Attorney's Construction of the Law a Surprise.

James W. Ridgway, District Attorney of Kings County, was at white heat this morning because of a story published in a morning newspaper to the effect that he allows bucket-shops to fleece the unwary within a stone's throw of his office. The more serious charge, however, was that not only did he permit the law to be openly violated, but actually acted as counsel for one of the bucket-shop proprietors, against whom suit was brought for the recovery of money lost at the game.

The story also implied that some one in the District Attorney's office was interested in the bucket-shop business.

When an "Evening World" reporter saw Mr. Ridgway in his office this morning, the District Attorney had just finished reading the story, and for a few moments the air was blue in his vicinity.

"In answer to a series of questions," he said, "the same paper had published the same story at least half a dozen times to my knowledge, and for the sole apparent purpose of injuring him. He went further and published a construction of the law which was gambling that it would create surprise generally."

"It is charged," he said, "that I allow these places—bucket shops or gambling dens they call them—to flourish right here in Brooklyn. Now, what are these places? Are they any worse than the New York Stock Exchange, which is nothing if not a gambling institution? Not a bit."

"These people are open around here, and they are carrying on their business, and the law says that they have a perfect right to do so. I have no objection to their being open, and as long as the proprietors want to keep their business, I have no objection to their doing so without the slightest interference from the District Attorney's office."

"Now, as to the story which says that I am charged that I acted as counsel while being District Attorney. It is true that I did act as counsel for Henry Friedman in a suit brought against him by Charles S. Darian for money lost in alleged gambling."

"Mr. Friedman, however, was a client of mine long before I received the nomination for District Attorney. He is still a client of the firm of which I am a member, and I want to say right now that if he has lost money in any gambling, I propose to defend them all for him."

"As a matter of fact, that suit was brought for the purpose of trying to extort money from me. I was told that who brought it called upon me several times, and threatened that if he did not settle he would have the story published. He did take his story to the papers, and only one newspaper published it. I did not know it was published."

"The suit was settled finally, I believe, by my client paying Darian something like \$25. That is all there is to it. I have no objection to the story which I said before that Mr. Friedman was and still is a client of mine. The courts have said that he has a perfect right to carry on his business, and he will do so."

"As to the charge that some one in my office has an interest in the bucket shop business, I think you draw a fine-tooth comb on the subject. I would not find a single man here with money enough to pay for the fitting up of such a place."

Assistant District Attorney Weeks, of this city, seemed more than amused at Mr. Ridgway's assertion that the Supreme Court had held bucket shops to be legal, but he was listening to the matter over a moment he said:

"I do not care to question Mr. Ridgway's opinion, but I am sure that the Supreme Court has never held that bucket shops are legal, because I do not know enough about it to criticize. Over here, however, we always thought that bucket shops were legal, and we have never been prosecuted for them."

"What Mr. Ridgway probably refers to is the case of *People v. Darian*, which was brought into the Supreme Court, where a question of his being criminally responsible for the suit was raised. I am not prepared to say whether that opinion was against bucket shops or the present case."

Recorder Smyth nearly fell off the bench of Part II, Court of General Sessions, when he heard what Mr. Ridgway had said.

"Well," he said, "I thought I knew a little about criminal law, and I never heard of a criminal being called upon to defend a criminal. I would have heard something about it."

WISE JUSTIFIED HIS NAME.

He Refused to Buy Alleged Valuable Bonds at a Discount.

Casper Wise, a clear-minded, of 172 Nevins street, reported to the Brooklyn police this morning that he had been called upon by a young man named John to sell him some European bonds, which they had been put on the market by the German Banking Exchange at 40 Broadway, New York.

The men said they had purchased the bonds at a bargain from Steinman & Co., on Fourteenth street, New York.

They offered Mr. Wise the bonds, which were valued at \$100 apiece, for \$25 each. Mr. Wise, however, was suspicious, and refused to make the purchase.

The police believe, by the description given by Mr. Wise, that the one of the men is a discharged employee of the German Banking Exchange, and that the bonds are some worthless bonds.

At the German Banking Exchange it was said that the bonds were probably old ones that were called in last February, and are now worthless. The firm is a small one and has no agents.

LAID OFF BY A PASSENGER.

Conductor Campion Did Not Collect This Particular Fare.

Thomas Campion, a conductor on the Brooklyn and Coney Island Railroad, was at his home, 201-1-2 Ninth street, this morning suffering severe wounds which he received from an unknown passenger.

Campion told the police that on his down trip at 10 o'clock last night a tall man boarded his car and asked him for a ticket. The passenger refused to pay his fare. When Campion attempted to put him off the passenger assaulted him.

ASSAULTED BY FOOTPADS?

John Stewart Found Unconscious at the Brighton Track.

The Wealthy Horse-Owner Fearfully Beaten and Bruised.

CONY ISLAND, L. I., July 25.—John Stewart, the wealthy horse owner of Chicago, who is now running several horses at the Brighton Beach race track, was found unconscious shortly before midnight last night at the entrance to the Brighton track.

He was discovered by some stable boy. His face was badly cut and bruised and both eyes were discolored and swollen.

Stewart was carried into a house near by, where he was attended by Dr. Hill. The doctor, after working for several hours, restored the man to consciousness, and found that he had not been seriously injured.

This morning Stewart was so weak that he had to be supported by two friends when he went to Police Headquarters to see Chief John Y. McKane.

He told Chief McKane that as he was about to enter the Brighton track last night, he was suddenly attacked by three men, who knocked him down and beat him until he lost consciousness.

Stewart said he did not know the motive for the assault, as he had no trouble with anyone yesterday, and did not know why anyone should make such an attack on him.

He made this statement to Chief McKane in the Chief's private room. The police were reticent about the details.

It was thought that Stewart may have been robbed of his money and valuables, although the police would not admit it.

Stewart said that he was at O'Brien's hotel until 10 o'clock, and was drinking there with some friends. He believes that he was followed by his assailants, as he has two ugly gashes under his eyes.

He says he can give no description of his assailants, as he was attacked and struck down so suddenly that he didn't get a good view of them.

THE RESIDENTS, PROPERTY-OWNERS AND TAXPAYERS ALONG FIFTH AVENUE FROM FLATBUSH AVENUE TO THIRD STREET, BROOKLYN, ARE UP IN ARMS OVER THE FILTHY CONDITION OF THE AVENUE.

They claim the avenue has not been properly cleaned in weeks. It is a prominent thoroughfare connecting the heart of the city with Greenwood Cemetery.

The street is covered with dirt to such a depth that in many places the cobblestones are not visible. Every time a trolley car passes the shops and dwellings are filled with clouds of dust.

The Mayor has been requested to have the street cleaned by a special force of men, and signed by some three hundred persons. Thus far nothing has been done to relieve the sufferers along Fifth avenue.

"Fighting George," as Major George G. Cochran, of the Thirteenth Regiment, Brooklyn, is known by his military friends, is preparing for an overland march to Peekskill. He purposes to lead a volunteer company of one hundred men.

A company will leave the armory of the Thirteenth Regiment Saturday morning, and will march the entire distance, to Peekskill, N. Y., via Van Cortlandt Park. It is expected that the men will reach the State camp at Peekskill about Sunday.

Major Cochran is well known as a promoter of kite enterprises. At the time of his last tour to the West, he tendered his services to the Government to put down the beligerent redskins.

Assistant Keeper James C. Doner, of the Court-House, Brooklyn, is raising a fund for the relief of the family of the late Thomas Dunsworth, of 124 Tillary street.

Dunsworth lost his life a few days ago while saving a baby from being killed by a car. The car was run by a child, but fell beneath the animal's feet himself and was crushed to death.

Supt. De Wolff, of Prospect Park, Brooklyn, is devoutly praying for rain. The long spell of dry weather has taken the edge off the beauty of many of the most attractive features of the park. The flowers are the greatest sufferers. Several patches of grass on the Long Meadow have been burned and parched by the sun. The park is a decidedly wilted and dried-up appearance.

STRIPPED THE HOUSE.

Thieves Ransack a Brooklynite's Residence During His Absence.

The police of Brooklyn have another mysterious robbery on their hands. It occurred last night at the residence of Frederick E. Lockwood, 89 Reid avenue.

The place was ransacked from top to bottom. Carpets were torn up, furniture smashed, bedsteads upset and the contents of bureau drawers scattered all over the place.

Mr. Lockwood, who is a travelling salesman, took his family to New Jersey two weeks ago for a month's vacation. Instead of informing the police that his house was vacant he employed a colored watchman named Fletcher to look after the place.

Fletcher, according to his statement, passed the night at the residence of Lockwood, and found the front door open. He also saw a light in one of the front rooms. His cries brought several policemen, who found that the thieves had made a big haul.

Just how much property was stolen is not known until Mr. Lockwood, who was awakened for, arrives in Brooklyn.

The thieves gained an entrance through a rear cellar window.

KILLED BY AN ELEVATOR.

Henry Thorne Got His Head Caught and Is Crushed to Death.

At 10:30 o'clock this morning, while going from the basement to the first floor in an elevator at 81 Rivington street, Henry Thorne, aged thirty-nine, of 211 Broome street, was instantly killed. His head got caught between the elevator and a beam, and life was crushed out in a twinkling.

LIZZIE RAISED A POKER.

Matilda Raised a Row and the Intruder Was Captured.

Matthew Morgan was held in the Lee Avenue Court, Williamsburg, today on a charge of burglary.

The family of Nathan May have been in the country for a month or so, and their home at 255 South Second street has been in charge of two servant girls, Lizzie Jennings and Matilda Dreyfus.

This morning while the girls were sitting in the kitchen the back door was opened, and Morgan walked in. He is not especially prepossessing and the women were naturally somewhat surprised to see him.

"I want to see Mrs. Meyer, who lives in this house," explained the intruder, and he declined to go although told that no person of that name lived there.

Miss Jennings is more courageous than Miss Dreyfus, and when she saw that Morgan would not take a hint, she got up and threatened to brain him unless he left. In the meantime Miss Dreyfus got up on a chair and screamed lustily.

"In another minute he'd have taken my life," said Miss Jennings in court. "For there was a wicked, savage look in his eyes that boded me no good. He had doubled up his fist, and was about to strike me when this blessed policeman came along and saved me."

The "blessed policeman" was Officer Thomas Gallagher of the Fifth Precinct, who locked Morgan up with great promptitude.

In court to-day the man acted as if he was demented, and told Justice Connolly that he had not been at the house since which was not remarkable, since he was taken directly from the house to the police station.

After Morgan had been taken to the pen he acted in a violent manner, and announced that he was a star actor. He climbed up the iron bars in front of him and hung by his feet.

A small boy who was about ten years old, frightened at Morgan's actions and went until he almost had hysterics. He was taken to the hospital, and the magistrate wrote a letter to Warden Boyle to have the man be examined as to his sanity.

YOUNG LADIES AS USHERS.

Cora Cassaday and Aletha Johnson, Inaugurate Rev. Mr. Fray's Plan.

The young men residing in that section of Brooklyn known as "The Hill" are delighted with a plan to be introduced by Rev. John E. Fray in the Duryea Presbyterian Church to-night, by which the congregation will be divided into two parts.

The introduction of the plan to-night is only an experiment at the services of the Christian Endeavorers, but if the plan succeeds it will be continued permanently, or until the young ladies grow tired of the idea.

The plan of having girl ushers was originated by Rev. Mr. Fray, after he had tried every other means of inducing the young men of the congregation to attend church regularly. It has met with the indorsement of the church trustees, and is greeted enthusiastically by the young ladies.

A lady who is a prominent member of the church, in speaking of the plan to an "Evening World" reporter this morning, said:

"Oh, it is just lovely to have the girls act as ushers, and I suppose the church will be a very pretty sight to-night. We have tried every other means to induce them to come to church, but they stay at home. The idea is not an altogether new one, as it has been talked of in other churches of the city, but never introduced. It is sure to succeed."

SHOT A POLICEMAN.

Some Peculiar Features in This Row at Coney Island.

CONY ISLAND, July 25.—Chief McKane is investigating the circumstances of a shooting affray which took place late last night. John Carney, who is a member of the Coney Island Police Force, was shot but not dangerously wounded by a man named Kliffing.

Kliffing, who is about forty years of age, supplies the restaurants and some of the hotels with bread and pastry at Coney Island. Late last night, according to the story given by the witnesses, he was on the Boulevard when Policeman Carney, who was in citizen's dress, and two men came from behind a tree and grabbed his horse.

He said that he thought the men were burglars, and he fired a shot with a revolver, which he fired at Carney. The ball struck the policeman in the face, making a ugly hole around the eye.

Kliffing was arrested and taken to police headquarters, where he was locked up all night. This morning he was taken before Chief McKane, when he told substantially the above story.

Carney, however, claimed that he was shot by Kliffing with a usual revolver, and that he was not inclined to make public the true facts of the affair.

SAY CASEY IS INCOMPETENT.

Charges to Be Made Against L. I. City's Fire Department Chief.

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., July 25.—Charges of incompetency are to be preferred against Chief James Casey, of the Long Island City Fire Department, at the next meeting of the Fire Commissioners.

It is alleged that Casey, on the occasion of the big fire, which recently destroyed \$100,000 worth of property, at first refused to call to his aid the Brooklyn Fire Department, and that he called a telephone to Brooklyn for help. Casey severely upbraided him for what he called interfering with his business.

It is conceded that, had not the Brooklyn Fire Department rendered assistance, the fire would have burnt over a much larger portion of the lower section of the city.

Casey attributes the big fire and the great destruction of property to the city authorities, for what he says the city authorities were responsible.

Rev. Father McGuire, pastor of St. Mary's R. C. Church, which is located in the outskirt in denouncing the local Fire Department, and Joseph Baker, a member of the Fire Department, has tendered his resignation, as he says he is disgusted with the incompetent way in which the Department is managed.

POLICIES WITHDRAWN.

Too Many Suspicious Fires in That Part of Brooklyn.

BELMAN CAUGHT A BURGLAR.

First Thrashed the Robber and Then Called the Police.

Erwin Squealed and His Pal Jackson Was Arrested.

John Erwin, of 1703 Fulton street, and Carroll Jackson, colored, of 1679 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, were held with out bail in the Gates Avenue Police Court this morning on a charge of burglary in the first degree.

Both are old-time crooks, and have already served several terms in the penitentiary. They were gathered in by the police of the Twelfth Precinct, of Atlantic avenue, early this morning as they were ransacking a grocery store kept by Henry Belman at 2090 Fulton street.

At 2 o'clock this morning the groceryman, who lives in apartments in the rear of his store, was awakened from his slumbers by hearing a noise behind his door. He went to the door and saw two men in place, one of whom was holding a gun.

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HIS CURSE WAS PIE.

Young Freeman Loses His Job and \$10 Through His Appetite.

Ernest Leonard Freeman, who, up to yesterday morning, had been engaged in toying with damp dishes in B. Kram's restaurant kitchen, 306 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, is anxious to employ a cook.

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REARDON TOOK HIS HORSE AWAY.

Dr. Raub Then Had Him Arrested for Theft.

Dennis J. Deardon, a horse dealer, of Parkville, L. I., was arraigned before Justice Tighe, in the Butler Street Court, Brooklyn, this morning on the charge of stealing a horse from Dr. J. S. M. Raub, of 256 Clinton street, Brooklyn.

Dr. Raub said a few days ago he bought a little gray mare from Reardon. Yesterday he left the horse standing before his door, and a man came and took the horse away.

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MADE AN EXIT TO JAIL.

Variety Actor Pepe Accused of Beating His Wife.

George Pepe, an ex-variety actor, who lives at 116 Floyd street, Williamsburg, today, on a charge of brutally ill-treating his wife.

Pepe told Justice Connolly that his wife had been beaten by him, and that he was going to jail.

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JOHNNY DEVINE BURIED.

He Was the Victim of a Peculiar Trrolley Wire Accident.

NEW YORK LETTERS STOLEN.

Nearly Sixty Taken from a Pouch of Registered Mail.

The Bag Came from Portland, Ore.—Officials Are Reticent.

UTICA, July 25.—The fact has leaked out that a registered letter pouch from Portland, Ore., New York City was stolen, and that when the pouch reached the Post-Office in New York it was discovered that nearly sixty registered letters were missing.

The pouch had been cut, and the opening had been carefully sealed with a leather string.

The pouch reached New York on fast mail train No. 14 on the Central-Hudson Railroad about ten days ago. Inspectors were at once detailed to the case, but up to the present time it is not known what portion of the route the robbery occurred, nor can the value of the packages missing be ascertained here.

The officials in the Post-Office in this city tacitly admitted that the above dispatch was true, but would vouchsafe no information about the matter, as they claimed that the details were being handled by the Bureau of Investigation.

Inspector of Post-Offices James was out of town, and was generally understood he was "up the State" working on this very matter.

DRILLING ARMED NEGROES.

He Is Thought to Have Given Evidence Against Dr. Meyer.

Carl, alias Jacob Wimmers, who was brought from Chicago last week to testify against Dr. Henry Meyer, the alleged poisoner, and who was examined as to the testimony he intended to give by District Attorney Nicolai yesterday, was brought down from the House of Detention this morning for further examination.

The fact that Wimmers is confined in the House of Detention is a matter of public knowledge, and it is known that he has turned State's evidence.

Wimmers, which he now acknowledges is his true name, was brought down from the House of Detention by Dr. Henry Meyer, the alleged poisoner, and who was examined as to the testimony he intended to give by District Attorney Nicolai yesterday.

What the result of the interview or examination was, Dr. Meyer refused to say. Dr. Meyer will be arraigned before Judge Cowing in the afternoon, and will appear for him then.

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CHARLIE MARRIED MAMIE.

Stole His Mother's Earrings to Defray the Expenses.

Called Her Crazy When She Accused Him and Was Arrested.

Charlie Grabert, a young lad of seventeen, who lives with his widowed mother, Josephine, at 52 Charles street, was held in Jefferson Market Police Court this morning, charged with stealing a pair of \$20 earrings from his mother and pawning them so that he could get married.

Young Grabert, who has been employed as a clerk in a lawyer's office, at 22 Wall street, and in love with pretty Mamie Smith, also seventeen, who lives with her parents at 121 West Ninety-fifth street, was anxious to get married, but his salary as clerk was small, and he was finally tempted to steal.

After pawing the earrings Monday, July 17, he and Mamie were married, without saying a word to any one. Mamie went home, but Grabert went to board at 30 West Ninety-fifth street, being afraid to meet his mother.

The young couple met every night at their mother's boarding house, but the marriage was to be kept a secret until he was able to hire a flat, where they would live.

Mrs. Grabert was much